

Family

Life's meaning is a gift

I read what is supposed to be a true story about a man named Bill Malloy. He traveled all over to find the true meaning or purpose of life, but came home to Chicago without the answer.

One day, he noticed a slogan on a Standard Oil service station that read, "As you travel, ask us."

He started going to Standard stations, where he would say, "As a traveler, may I ask you a question?"

The attendant would say, "Yes sir, that's what our slogan is all about."

He then would ask, "What is the meaning of life?"

Most did not say anything. Somehow, word got back to Standard Oil customer relations, and he got a telephone call: "We understand that you have been asking our attendants a question and getting an unsatisfactory answer. May I ask what you would like to know?"

Malloy answered, "I'm not interested in the best restaurants; I want to know the meaning of life."

The customer relations person thought about this, and told Malloy to write out his question and send it to Standard Oil with a self-addressed envelope. He did, and in a week, he got a response. Anxiously opening it, he found Standard Oil's answer - an application for a credit card.

Malloy said that was the only answer they knew.

What is the meaning of life?

Many have insecurities because they do not have a meaning for their lives. One of the keys to happiness is finding the purpose for our life. One of the keys to inner peace is focusing on our purpose in life. And one of the keys to success is fulfilling that purpose.

In June, I wrote about the first phrase of the Lord's Prayer found



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• From the Pulpit

in Matthew 6:9-13 - "Our Father in heaven." In July I wrote on the phrase "hallowed be thy name." This month we are looking at Matthew 6:10: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

There are two phrases here: God's purpose for the world is represented by "Your kingdom come," and "Your will be done," summarizes God's purpose for our lives. In the scripture we find four basic reasons God created us.

• God created us to know him (Ephesians 1:4-5). If we are too busy for God, or do not want anything to do with Him, we are missing out on one of the great purposes for which we were created. No wonder many are frustrated with life or on drugs. No wonder there are so many suicides.

The Bible tells us God is love - not that he has love, but that he is love. We were created to be loved by God and to love him back. If we are not getting to know God, we are missing one of the fundamental purposes we were created for.

• God created us to have the same characteristics as Jesus Christ (Romans 8:28-29). Man-kind, of all creation, has the ability to communicate with God. God wants us to become like himself - not a god, but godly.

Is God forgiving? Yes. So if God wants us to be like him, he wants us to be forgiving.

There is no situation in life that we cannot learn from, if we ask, "How would Jesus respond?"

How can we become more like Jesus in our family life, work life or school life? God put us in this world to become like him.

• God created us to serve him. There is no greater purpose.

I am not saying we all need to be missionaries, pastors or Sunday school teachers, but we need to serve God in the day-to-day routine of life (Romans 12:1-2). To know God's will is our greatest knowledge; to do God's will is our greatest success (1 Corinthians 15:58). We need to serve God where we are and do our part in the kingdom by knowing God, becoming like God and serving God.

• God created us to live with him someday (2 Corinthians 5:1). Sometimes we get so busy with the present that we do not think about the future. The fact is, we will spend far more time on the other side of eternity than on this side. John 6:40 says everyone who believes in Jesus Christ will have everlasting life, and he will raise them up on the last day. What a great promise!

So what is the meaning, or purpose, of life? It is understanding that God created us to know Him and wants us to become more like him. It is understanding that God created us to serve him and live with him someday. When we understand, suddenly life becomes better.

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Senior Center

The Colby Community College nurses will be at the Senior Progress Center Friday. There will be a breakfast/brunch and a time of fellowship with them.

Activities: **Monday:** taffy day. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. dominos. **Wednesday:** 11 a.m. sno-cones. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. cribbage. **Friday:** 8:30 a.m. college nurse brunch; 10 a.m. exercise.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, applesauce. **Tuesday:** barbecue pork sandwich, potato wedges, cole slaw with carrots, watermelon. **Wednesday:** meat loaf, creamed potatoes, peas, apricots. **Thursday:** taco salad, citrus slices, chips, blueberry cobbler. **Friday:** baked chicken, baked beans, potato salad, fruit.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older to lunch at the senior center.

Make reservations at (784) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Deaths

Ivean Gerald 'Jerry' Dean

Ivean Gerald Dean, 67, Del Norte, Colo., former Colby chief of police, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, in Del Norte.

He was born Feb. 22, 1943, to Ivean Dean and Ola (Comer) Dean in Lamar, Colo.

He married Rita Sells in 1963. After serving in the U.S. Navy for 10 years, he moved to Colby as a police officer and served as the chief in the 1970s. He then went to serve as police chief in Del Norte, and later returned to Colby and worked in maintenance at the Post Office. He retired from the Post Office in 2003.

He belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Mr. Dean loved the outdoors, horses and riding all terrain vehicles.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a sister, Eileen Krayca.

Survivors include his wife, Rita, of the home; two daughters, Deanna (Russell) Brown, Center, Colo.; and Lisa (John) Kirby, Colby; a son, Jerry C. (Barb) Dean, Fowler, Colo.; three brothers, Lloyd Dean, Springfield, Colo.; Arthur (Leota) Dean, Aurora, Colo.; and Farris (Sandy) Dean, Atascadero, Calif.; six sisters, Era Hancock, Olathe, Colo.; Jewell Carter, Kim, Colo.; Margie Albers and Juanita Fell, both of Goodland; Leta V. Best, Des Moines; and Edith (Jack) Ashworth, Union, Ky.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth, Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society in care of Bankwest, 295 N. Franklin, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Have fun, help out at Gem hog roast

The Gem Lions Club will have their annual Hog Roast from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the Gem Community Building.

Donations will be accepted to help the community. They will

also be collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling.

There will be blue grass, folk, and country music, a horseshoe-throwing tournament, and lots of food. The Gem Lions Club invites everyone to take a break and join

them. Frontier Ag, Farm Implement and Supply, Colby Implement, Ziegelmeier farms and Hi-Plains Co-op donated hogs and potato salad.

Bridge Club

Winners at Meadow Lake bridge on Tuesday were first, Larry Barrett; second, Cookie Koenig; third, Thelma Shalz; fourth, tie between Margaret Danneler and Joy Davis; fifth, Mary Kersenbrock; sixth, Lyle Worthy.

Pastor reaches new heights

COCONUT CREEK, Fla. (AP) - A South Florida pastor who spent nearly three days living on a mechanical lift 50 feet in the air has come down from his lofty perch.

Pastor T.J. McCormick, of the Coastal Community Church, had pledged to stay on the lift until 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies were donated for kids in Collier City.

McCormick braved summer heat and rain storms from the time

his mission began Tuesday until he stepped down from the lift Thursday night, after the 1,000 backpacks had been collected. Nonetheless, he says he'd do it again.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.55
Corn (bushel)	\$3.59
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.80
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.24

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Gem Lions Club ANNUAL HOG ROAST
Wednesday, August 25, 2010
5:00 to 8:00 P.M.
 Gem Community Building
Blue Grass, Folk & Country Music
Featuring:
 Wayne & Millie Lauritsen, Jeff Wagoner & Rick Carter, The Old Timers Band, Prairie Rose Harmony, Bugbee Sisters, Larry Booth
Come out to Enjoy Food & Fellowship
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Schedule of church services

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday, Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May, Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday Youth at The Rock 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday evening services at 6:30 p.m. on all Sundays except the 5th Sunday of every month. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Senior Pastor and Pastor Jason Purdy, Youth Pastor. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWAANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. Craig Crossman, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday's.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edison, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Worship Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Evenings 6:30. 3rd Sunday informal fellowship - bring a snack to share! First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 785-462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

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REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6p.m. Shoponline at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. www.colbyumc.org

CHURCH OF CHRIST, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com

OASIS WORSHIP CENTER, Colby, Pastor J. Curry, 785-462-0913. Sunday Service at 2 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church at 10:00 a.m.

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. Robert Alexander. East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Charles Taff, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingworth, Director, 785-687-2565.

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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